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MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA TALENT Security Officer

SUBJECT: Navy Requests for TALENT Clearances

REFERENCE: A. TCS-1682-57, 2 July 1957
 B. TCS-1672-57, 10 July 1957

1. Reference A: I investigated this paper requesting 36 billets for the Bureau of Aeronautics in the Navy with Vic Moitoret and Larsen. I learned that the need for these clearances is in connection with R&D and procurement of the capability now used by AQUATONE. The procurement and finance people noted here will have to be briefed, at least superficially, on the product as a means of persuading them to provide the dough. I learned that Mr. Bissell had told Lt. Holcomb that he would approve such a request for TALENT clearance. I have checked this out with Mr. Bissell, and he concurs.

2. You will note in the attached memorandum, which I have proposed to use as a reply to the Navy, the limitations on the use of the TALENT clearance for people who only have a casual interest such as I have indicated above.

3. Reference B: I took occasion to tell Moitoret and Larsen that whereas in the beginning of the program the Navy had the best justification they give me the impression now of a sort of take-it-for-granted attitude as far as justification is concerned. I pointed out that our system is decentralized and that we had to depend upon the TCO and TSO in the Navy for insisting that requests must be justified on a MUST KNOW basis. Moitoret concurred with my criticism and assured me that they would do better.

4. Specifically with regard to the request for Marine Corps billets, I learned that General McGee has taken unto himself the task

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of scrutinizing every request for Marine Corps clearance and that he specifically requested the 7 slots listed. These slots, all at the policy level, I do believe are reasonable in view of the possible Navy R&D and procurement as well as use of TALENT material.

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Attachments

Ref A
Ref B
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2-PSO
3-file
4-chrono